



The Garbanzo Gazette

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Growers Market's Weekly Newsletter

GROWERS MARKET NEWS

Help Wanted

Tuesday Evening Orientation – Contact Taylor @ 541-683-8250
Thursday Closer – Contact Nathan @ 541-852-0627 General:
Cashiers – Contact Coordinator on duty

Website: <http://GrowersMarket.net>

NEW FRIDAY HOURS!

We are now open Fridays 10am-6:30pm. Thank you for being Growers!

NEVER FORGET there are large bags in the blue recycling bin near the children's area which can be very useful for home recycling. You recycle, don't you?

CASHIER NEEDED, ALTERNATE FRIDAYS

10am-12pm

We are in need of a Friday morning Cashier, 10am-12pm, every other week. Please see Nicolette for details from 10am-1pm Fridays at Growers Market if you are interested. Interested person(s) will need to go through a Cashier Training process with Taylor on a Tuesday evening (preferably). This position will receive Strawboss compensation. Peas!

Possum Place Fall and Over-Wintering garden starts now at Growers - Thursday and Friday.

DRY GOODS NOTES

CLEAN JARS!!!!!!!!!!!! last week i left my 'growers jars' at home, oooooops. there were jars available at growers, oh yeah. when i opened the first jar it smelled strongly of pickles, second jar had a strange odor and the third jar still had stuff in it! eeeeeeeeeeeeeeww. this is not acceptable at all. when you are kind enough to bring jars to growers PLEASE MAKE SURE THEY ARE CLEAN AND DO NOT REEK. one way to get rid of strong smells is to rub a

bit of dish soap over the rubber ring inside the jar lid and let it sit overnight (stronger smells may take longer). please don't bring dirty stuff to share as we volunteers have enough to do without having to wash the jars. for those of you who bring in clean jars, THANK YOU. sue

we need a cashier on thursdays from 4:30 to 5:30-6:00. please check in with laurie, nathan or willcee (or the coordinator on duty when you read this). training is required and provided by taylor tuesday evenings. we may need a cashier as early as 3:30. thanks.

dry goods notes.....united is dropping more bulk items some of which we can get elsewhere but may cost more.

hummingbird is offering more locally grown or produced bulk items; buckwheat flour, hard red wheat berries and flour, unbleached flour, flageolet beans (from idaho and word is they are wonderful), locally pressed raw sunflower oil and a few other items, due in soon. azure's new inventory/order taking software project is almost done, they will be able to tell if an item is out of stock when ordered which is a huge improvement. earthly gourmet is also expanding their offerings.

the five gallon olive oil dispensing bucket has gone missing...does anyone know where it went? until it is found we will be getting olive oil in jugs.

aloe vers gel is back, look for it in the cooler. merry hempsters has reworked some of their formulas and we have them...organic muscle and rescue salves and organic baby salve (this in endorsed by cecelia, one of our youngest members, took care of her diaper rash and since the salve is in a tube she can help apply it!). we are keeping their lip balm, both the og and the vegan, in the cooler.

it was a rough week, i picked up some kind of bug which put me flat for a few days. feeling much better now. i've been looking at the new item request list, it really helps if you leave contact info (i don't return long distance calls, i don't have a cell phone). some one has asked for some exotic rices and i'd like to let them knoe they can be special ordered in 10# bags, hope they read this. i'll be posting a new list next week in an attempt to clarify the process.

Pre Order Produce by E-Mail

Send an e-mail to growers.market@gmail.com by Tuesday evening @ 6:30pm to preorder produce for that week.

New Item – Flaegolet Beans are organic from Idaho. Try a new taste in beans!

thanks, sue

GROWERS TURNS FORTY this fall and i would like to know if folks want to celebrate and if so, how. the co-ordinators have been busy this summer with welcoming/traing new co-ordinators and strawbosses and trying to figure out 'flow' (it does change here so we try to make good adjustments), nathan has been dealing with the floor (along with rodney), the weather does have an effect..... our wonderful strawbosses have been doing their best to keep up with it all. so long story short is if we want to celebrate we (all) need to start planning soon. (note: i am not 'in charge'.) if you want to help plan, etc. give me a call! sue 541-688-6679

MORE REASONS TO EAT ORGANIC FOOD

The newsletter of the Organic Consumers Association contains a good summary of why people should eat organic food: "Study after study has shown that yields from small, low-energy input, organic farms in the developing world are many times more productive than chemical and GMO farms. In the industrialized world, yields on organic farms are comparable to industrial farms in 'normal' weather, but produce substantially more in times of drought or intense downpours, which seem to have become the norm. And of course research continues to reinforce the fact that organic foods are safer, more nutritious, better for the environment, and better for restoring the all-important carbon-sequestering capacity of farmland and pasture land." Website: <http://organicconsumers.org>. --Milton Takei

TRADE AGREEMENTS

The Oregon Fair Trade Campaign is seeking farmers and food organizations who would be willing to sign on to the following letter:

Dear Senator/Representative: The global food commodity system is already stacked against family farmers, and the pending Free Trade Agreements with South Korea, Panama and Colombia would only serve to make matters even worse. The Korea Free Trade Agreement is by far the largest of the three proposed deals, and will have the greatest negative impact on the U.S. economy. The U.S. International Trade Commission, a federal agency with a long track-record of overestimating the benefits of proposed trade deals, predicts that the Korea Free Trade Agreement would increase the overall U.S. trade deficit. Important U.S. crops, such as wheat, soy and corn would

lose out under the deal. Moreover, the U.S. Treasury Department has formally listed South Korea as a currency manipulator, yet inexplicitly, the Korea Free Trade Agreement fails to contain any safeguard mechanisms against future currency manipulation. A devaluation of the won could easily displace any benefits to U.S. exporters resulting from tariff reductions.

All three of the proposed agreements' provisions would restrict the United States' ability to prevent the import of food that fails to meet U.S. safety standards. This would put unfair competitive pressures on U.S. farmers, while also endangering U.S. consumers.

To make matters worse, each trade pact's investment provisions would allow foreign governments and individual corporations to challenge future food safety, environmental and consumer protection policies as "barriers to trade" through international tribunals that circumvent the U.S. judicial system. The provisions could also undo actions that communities have taken toward food security.

The proposed trade deals with Colombia and Panama would completely devastate family farms and their communities in those two countries.

Our country can no longer afford policies that fail to respect communities' food sovereignty, that threaten public health, and that force farmers off their land, whether here or abroad. Please vote against the Korea, Panama and Colombia Free Trade Agreements. Please pass comprehensive trade reform (the TRADE Act, HR 3012 and S. 2821 in the 2010 Congress) first before moving forward with any more trade agreements.

Contact: Samantha Chirillo, 541-543-1253,
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Send submissions to garbanzo@lists.opn.org. You can also put articles in the garbanzo box at Growers. Newsletter copy deadline is 5:00 pm Wednesday. Market hours are Tuesdays 5-7pm; Thursdays 2:30 to 7:30 pm and Fridays 10:00 am to 6:30 pm. An orientation to Growers is held each Thursday at 1:30. The Growers email list includes an electronic banzo, events notices, and other misc. info. growers@lists.opn.org To subscribe via email, send a message to growers-join@lists.opn.org Growers Market: 541-687-1145

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